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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Eiichi YOSHIDA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7422
Application No.: 09/161,277 : Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: September 28, 1998 : Allowed: August 09, 2005
Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND TERMINAL DEVICE CONNECTED TO NETWORK

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated August 09, 2005.

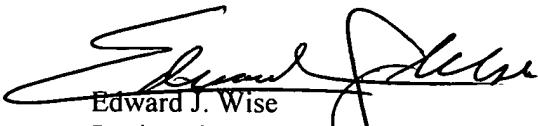
In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed October 14, 2004. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant:	Eiichi YOSHIDA, et al.			Docket No.	44084-326		
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER REFERENCES AFTER CLOSE OF PROSECUTION AND

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The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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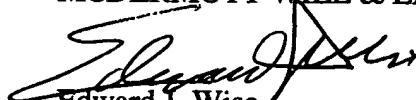
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Each non-English language, listed on the attached PTO-1449, reference was cited in a corresponding Japanese application office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

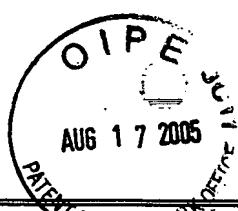
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